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Dear Sir or Madam:

If this email address is open for the general public to offer opinions on the proposed settlement with Microsoft, I would like to add mine.

I have worked in the computer industry since 1985. I remember the days when a disk formatted on one proprietary version of DOS did not run on another. I also remember when computers were too expensive and too cumbersome for the technology challenged.

This all changed as a result of Microsoft's vision. Computers are in almost every home and most people do not know what they would do without one. I shudder to think at what would happen if the penalty were to break up Microsoft or if the penalty was so severe that they would shut down their operation.

The proposed settlement is a good mix of punishment to ensure they do not engage in further predatory practices and ensuring that the volatile world of information technology does not take a giant step backwards.

Thank you,

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